Sanctions the constitution of a Text-Book Board for a period of three years.

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Letter No. E. 2155—Edn. 60-54-2, dated 2nd June 1954, from the Secretary to Government, Education Department, addressed to the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore, requesting him to take necessary action under the existing rules to reconstitute the Text-Book Committees, etc.

2. Letter No. T2. 4283-155—53-53, dated 11th June 1954, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, submitting proposals for the constitution of a High Power Committee in place of the various Text-Book Sub-Committees.

ORDER No. E. 6286-9—EDN. 60-54-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD AUGUST 1954.

The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore states that under the existing rules the Sub-Committee for the Primary Education, the twelve Sub-Committees for the Secondary Education and others have to be reconstituted, that the present system of constituting a number of Sub-Committees has not been satisfactory and that it is beset with several administrative difficulties. He further states that the Committee for Educational Reforms have recommended that the Education Department should make direct efforts to bring out good Text-Books at reasonable prices. He proposes that the existing procedure of constituting the several Sub-Committees may be done away with and that instead, a High Power Committee may be constituted, to advise the Department in the matter of choice, preparation and prescription of Text-Books.

2. The Mysore Educational Reforms Committee and the Secondary Education Commission of Government of India have dealt with this question in its various aspects. The former have suggested the establishment of a Bureau of Education which is to be entrusted with the examination and revision of the current Text-Books, preparation of new Text-Books, etc. The Secondary Education Commission who have comprehensively reviewed the problem of Text-Books have recommended the constitution of a High Power Text-Book Committee in order to improve the quality of Text-Books.

3. Government are of the view that a radical reform in the matter of Text-Books is necessary and direct that in place of the present Text-Book Committee, a Text-Book Board be constituted with 15 members and with the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore as the Chairman. The decisions of the Text-Book Board shall be final.

4. The composition of the Board will be as follows:—

(1) The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore (*Chairman*).
(2) Sri T. Singaravelu Mudaliar (Retired High Court Judge).
(3) Dr. M. V. Gopalaswamy, Special Officer and Research Director of Psychology, Mental Hospital, Bangalore.
(4) Sri K. Pattabhiraman, M.L.A., Kolar.
(5) The Principal, Training College, Mysore.
(6) The Professor of Kannada, Mysore University.
(7) The Professor of Education, Mysore University.
(8) The Professor of History, Maharaja's College, Mysore.
(9) Senfor Professor of English, Mysore University.
(10) Sri Sampathgiri Rao, Vice-Principal, National College, Bangalore.
(11) & (12) Two Senior Head Masters.
(13) One Senior Head Mistress.
(14) Sri S. Kariyappa, M.L.A., Kankanhalli.
(15) Senior Deputy Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore (*Secretary*).

5. The Text-Book Board will function for a period of three years. The Board will suggest at an early date a draft set of rules governing its functions,

selection and preparation of Text-Books and all technical matters of procedure, etc., relating thereto, for approval of Government.

6. The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore is requested to suggest the names of two Senior Head Masters, one Senior Head Mistress and the Senior Deputy Director of Public Instruction in Mysore for nomination to the Board. The Senior Deputy Director of Public Instruction to be selected by the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore from time to time will be the Member-Secretary of the Text-Book Board.

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